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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51; *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135; *Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92; *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; *High Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337; *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 22, 2011, Jeff Lanning of CenturyLink (via telephone); Jennie Chandra and Bill Kreutz (via telephone) of Windstream; Ken Mason of Frontier; and I met with Carol Matthey, Amy Bender, Ted Burmeister (via telephone), Joe Cavender and Katie King of the Wireline Competition Bureau; Michael Byrne and Eric Spry of the Office of Strategic Policy; and Michael Steffen of the Office of General Counsel.

The companies continued to advocate for immediate reforms that would target ongoing universal service support within price cap carriers' areas based on cost conditions in individual wire centers, rather than costs averaged across study areas or entire states. This advocacy is consistent with previous filings.<sup>1</sup> Further, the companies discussed different funding scenarios for achieving these reforms in the near-term.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Reply Comments of Frontier Communications Corporation, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45 (May 23, 2011) at 10-11; Comments of Windstream Communications, Inc., WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45 (Apr. 18, 2011) at 8-11; Letter from Jennie Chandra, Windstream Communications, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, June 30, 2011, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109; GN Docket No. 09-51; CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45.

Sincerely,

/s/

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